

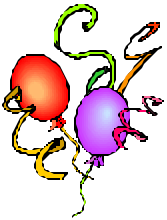
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# SALT TIMES

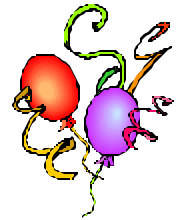


September 2004

Sheriff Garry E. Lucas



## Public Safety Complex Open House



**Saturday  
September 18th  
11-4**

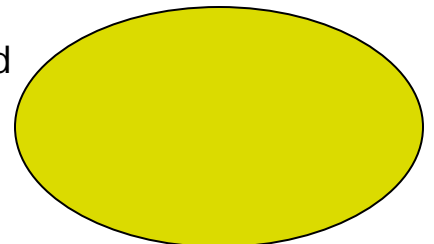
Join us for the 4th annual Open House and Public Safety Fair. These are just some of the activities that will be taking place:

- ? Free lunch catered by Outback Steakhouse 12-2 p.m.
- ? K-9 and bomb squad demonstrations
- ? Facility tours
- ? Rides on Fire Engine
- ? Public safety equipment displays
- ? Exhibits for Red Cross, Humane Society, YWCA victim programs, Project Lifesaver and more...



And get your free hot dogs while they last!

Bring the whole family and come enjoy a fun-filled day!



# Theft by Deception

## *Crime Stoppers Case #04-26*

Portland Police, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for help in identifying and catching con artists who are targeting senior citizens and in some cases getting away with a large sum of money.

The suspects approach victims at grocery stores or in parking lots and tell the victim they are from Africa or South Africa, and have come into possession of a lot of money. The suspect flashes a wad of bills they said they got in an inheritance or insurance settlement. They tell the victim they can't take the money back to their country and are looking for a church or charitable organization to donate it to. The suspect asks the victim for help finding a place to give away the money and usually asks to be driven somewhere. They may also tell the victim they want to give the victim the money.

At this point in the scam the suspect is joined by an accomplice, posing as an unsuspecting third party, seemingly enlisted in the mission to give away the money. The suspect suggests to the victim that the victim should provide money of their own, usually \$10,000, as proof they are trustworthy. They go to the victim's bank, the victim withdraws the money and hands it to the suspect to hold for a few minutes, or even to walk around the block with, as a sign of good faith. Of course, the suspect is never seen again. Neither is the money.

The main suspect is a black female in her twenties or thirties. She speaks with an accent. She has a thin build, straight black hair and a ponytail. The accomplices have been a black female and a black male.

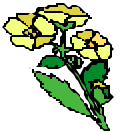
**Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to the arrest of the suspect in this case, or any unsolved felony, and you may remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP (4357).**

**Contact:**  
**Detective Tim Sukimoto**  
**Portland Police Bureau**  
**503-823-0462**

**Crime Stoppers Coordinator:**  
**Officer Greg Pashley**  
**Portland Police Bureau**  
**503-823-0830**



## In Loving Memory



The Clark County Sheriff's Office and the community have suffered a great loss. Sgt. Brad Crawford was killed in the line of duty on July 30, 2004. A memorial service was held on August 5th to celebrate his life and his service in law enforcement.

Sgt. Crawford came to the Clark County Sheriff's Office in 1996 after working as a police officer in Flagstaff, AZ and Los Angeles, CA. Prior to being promoted to sergeant, he was a Detective in the Major Crimes Fraud Unit. Some of you may have had the opportunity to hear Sgt. Crawford speak about preventing identity theft at a S.A.L.T. meeting in January, 2003.

Brad was a friend and a beloved fellow employee who will be greatly missed. Our saddened hearts and thoughts are also with Sgt. Crawford's family.

Thank you to all the many volunteers who helped in so many ways. The outpouring of love and service the Sheriff's Office received during this difficult time was overwhelming.

# Parents Again

**Y**ou've entered retirement and suddenly the game plan changes; you're parents again! The 2000 census found there were 4,350 households in Clark County where grandparents were the primary caregivers for their grandchildren. "Parents Again" is a support group for grandparents and others raising relatives children.

Mental illness, death or incarceration of a parent are some reasons children are in their grandparents' care, but the most prevailing reason is neglect or abuse due to parental drug or alcohol addiction.

Occasionally the relatives haven't a clue that the children are going to be placed in their care until they get a call from a parent in trouble or Child Protective Services, but in most cases the relatives have agonized over the children, have watched over them and rescued them in crisis situations.

Children who have been abused, neglected or exposed to violence or drugs often come into their grandparents' homes with physical and mental problems.

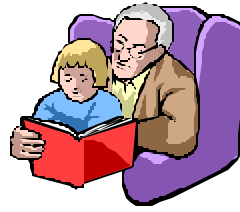
"Parents Again" helps grandparents find the social and professional services needed to cope with the children's problems, including medical, financial and legal assistance.

"Parents Again" meets the first Friday of the month, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Meeting sites vary so contact Vi Hensil at Childrens Home Society (695-1325) or Lucille Hulburt (693-5291.)

Taking on the care of grandkids usually creates drastic changes in grandparents' lives. We may go from fine dining to fast food drive-ins. PTA and sports activities replace quiet times at home, socializing with friends, or traveling.

We love our grandchildren and do not regret raising them. It is far less stressful than the worry when we know they are not safe in their own homes.

Article by Lucille Hulburt



What a wonderful contribution our grandmothers and grandfathers can make if they will share some of the rich experiences and their testimonies with their children and grandchildren.

-Vaughn J. Featherstone

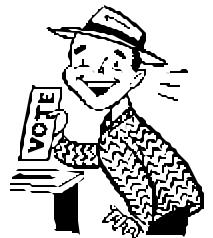
## Attention Voters!

**A**re you aware that voting procedures have changed? New laws passed this year will go into effect beginning with the September 14 Primary Elections.

Instructions will be included with your voter's pamphlet. To get more information or if you need assistance, you can access

[www.clark.wa.gov/elections/newprimary.html](http://www.clark.wa.gov/elections/newprimary.html), or call the Clark County Auditor's Office-Elections Department at 397-2345.

Make sure your voice is heard.....**VOTE!**



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*N ational Grandparent's Day*  
**September 12, 2004**

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# Picnic Highlights

If you didn't attend the Project Lifesaver picnic this year, then you missed out! The food was great and the hot weather held off until after the picnic. And thanks to all your generous donations, **\$284.25** was raised for Project Lifesaver!



Tim Dickerson and Doris Girt served hamburgers, hotdogs and even Veggie burgers!

Please Note



Guest speaker David Almond captivated the audience with his presentation on senior finances.

There will not be a regular S.A.L.T meeting in September. Instead, all seniors are encouraged to attend the 4th annual Public Safety Complex Open House.

(See front page for details.)

To be placed on the S.A.L.T. Newsletter mailing list, please call 397-2211 ext. 3380